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**COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
SITTING AS THE DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THAT PORTION OF
THE MARYLAND-WASHINGTON REGIONAL DISTRICT WITHIN
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: District Council

AN AMENDMENT to the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of:

- establishing a new RMX-2C/TDR Zone; and
- creating development standards and procedures for the RMX-2C/TDR Zone.

By amending the following section of the Montgomery County Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 59 of the Montgomery County Code:

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| DIVISION 59-C-10 | “RMX ZONES-RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT.” |
| Section 59-C-10.1. | “Zones established.” |
| Section 59-C-10.2.1. | “Standard Method of development regulations.” |
| Section 59-C-10.3. | “Optional Method of development regulations.” |
| Section 59-C-10.3.2. | “Land uses.” |
| Section 59-C-10.3.3. | “Minimum green area or outside amenity area.” |
| Section 59-C-10.3.4. | “Maximum commercial density.” |
| Section 59-C-10.3.5. | “Maximum gross leasable (non-residential) floor area.” |
| Section 59-C-10.3.6. | “Minimum number of dwelling units required.” |
| Section 59-C-10.3.11 | “Development procedure.” |

EXPLANATION: ***Boldface** indicates a heading or a defined term.*
Underlining indicates text that is added to existing laws by the original text amendment.
[Single boldface brackets] indicate text that is deleted from existing law by the original text amendment.
Double underlining indicates text that is added to the text amendment by amendment.
[[Double boldface brackets]] indicate text that is deleted

from the text amendment by amendment.

** * * indicates existing law unaffected by the text amendment.*

ORDINANCE

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, sitting as the District Council for that portion of the Maryland-Washington Regional District in Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following ordinance:

Sec. 1. DIVISION 59-C-10 is amended as follows:

**DIVISION 59-C-10. RMX ZONES-RESIDENTIAL MIXED USE
DEVELOPMENT.**

Sec. 59-C-10.1. Zones established.

The Residential-Mixed Use Development Zones are Euclidean zones and their identifying symbols are as follows:

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| <u>RMX-2C/TDR</u> | <u>Residential-Mixed Use Development, Specialty Center,</u> |
| | <u>Commercial Base/Transferable Development Rights</u> |

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Sec. 59-C-10.2.1. Standard Method of development regulations.

59-C-10.2.1.1. Land uses and development standards.

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3. **RMX-2C, RMX-2C/TDR and RMX-3C Zones:** Standard method commercial projects in these zones must comply with the standards and requirements of the standard method of development in the C-2 Zone, as contained in Sections 59-C-4.351 and 59-C-4.353 through 59-C-4.355. A maximum floor area ratio of 0.3 is permitted under this form of development. The uses allowed under this method are the same as those allowed under the optional method of development as set forth in Section C-10.3.2. Standard method residential projects in these zones must comply with the standards and requirements of the R-30 Zone as contained in Division 59-C-2.

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Sec. 59-C-10.3. Optional Method of Development Regulations.

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59-C-10.3.2. Land uses.

The following uses are allowed under the Optional Method of Development in the RMX-1, RMX-2, RMX-3, RMX-1/TDR, RMX-2/TDR, and RMX-3/TDR Zones and under both the Standard Method and Optional Method of Development in the RMX-2C, RMX-2C/TDR and RMX-3C Zones:

- **Permitted uses.** Those uses designated by the letter "P" and uses of a similar character are permitted on any lot, subject to all applicable regulations.
- **Special exception uses.** Those uses designated by the letters "SE" may be authorized as special exceptions, in accordance with the provisions of Article 59-G.

| | RMX-1 RMX-1/TDR | RMX-2 RMX-2/TDR | RMX-2C <u>RMX- 2C/TDR</u> | RMX-3 RMX-3/TDR | RMX-3C |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------------|---------------|
| (a) Residential: | | | | | |
| Dwellings, multiple-family. | P | P | P | P | P |
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59-C-10.3.3. Minimum green area or outside amenity area.

Minimum green area or outside amenity area:

| | RMX-1 RMX-1/TDR | RMX-2 RMX-2/TDR RMX-2C <u>RMX-2C/TDR</u> | RMX-3 RMX-3/TDR | RMX-3C |
|--|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|---------------|
| (a) Within the commercial portion of a site | 15% | 15% | 20% | 10% |
| (b) Within the residential portion of a site | 50% | 50% | 50% | 20% |

59-C-10.3.4. Maximum commercial density.

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(b) In the RMX-2, RMX-2C, RMX-3, RMX-2C/TDR, RMX-3C, RMX-2/TDR and RMX-3/TDR Zones the maximum commercial density must not exceed 0.5 FAR.

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59-C-10.3.5. Maximum gross leasable (non-residential) floor area.

| | RMX-1 RMX-1/TDR | RMX-2 RMX-2/TDR | RMX-2C <u>RMX-2C/TDR</u> | RMX-3 RMX-3/TDR | RMX-3C |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| Maximum gross leasable (non-residential) floor area (in square feet): | 200,000 | 600,000 | 600,000 | 1,300,000 | 1,300,000 |

59-C-10.3.6. Minimum number of dwelling units required.

In the RMX-1, RMX-2, RMX-2C, RMX-3, RMX-3C, RMX-1/TDR, RMX-2/TDR, RMX-2C/TDR and RMX-3/TDR Zones any site over 30 acres in size must include a minimum of 150 dwelling units, but not more than the number recommended on the approved and adopted master plan.

59-C-10.3.7. Maximum residential density.

(a) The maximum residential density in an RMX Zone must not exceed 30 dwelling units per acre for residential areas shown on the project plan. The density approved by the Planning Board must not exceed the density shown on the approved and adopted master plan which must be no greater than the density permitted by the RMX zone. Where residential development is proposed to be located within a proposed commercial area, the maximum residential density for such areas must not exceed 40 dwelling units per acre.

(b) Under the RMX-2C/TDR optional method of development, any increase in residential density or residential units above the standard method density or dwelling units requires the use of TDRs. Any residential units above the standard method density must be based on a ratio of one single-family dwelling unit for each TDR, and two multi-family dwelling units for each TDR; however, within a designated Metro Station Policy Area, a ratio of three multi-family dwelling units for each TDR and two one-family detached units for each TDR applies.

([b]c) The density of residential development should be compatible with the density recommended on the approved and adopted master plan except that the number of units permitted may be increased by a

number equal to the number of moderately priced dwelling units included in the development plan in accordance with Chapter 25A of this Code, as amended, provided that the total increase does not exceed 22 percent of the total number of units recommended on the master plan.

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59-C-10.3.11. Development procedure.

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(b) RMX-2C, RMX-2C/TDR and RMX-3C Zones:

The RMX-2C, RMX-2C/TDR and RMX-3C zones are intended primarily for sites where there is existing commercial development that is suitable for substantial expansion or redevelopment with mixed uses. [As such, a special set of procedures is required to ensure an orderly process for such development.]

In order to encourage the orderly and staged development of large-scale mixed use centers, a concept plan may be submitted to the Planning Board in lieu of a project plan for the entire site. Individual project plans for each stage of development is required. In approving [the] a concept plan, the Board must take into account the mix of uses and density of development recommended for the site in the applicable master or sector plan.

When an optional concept plan is submitted, a project plan as defined in division 59-D-2 must be submitted for the first stage of new development proposed in the concept plan's development program. A concept plan [is

intended to] must show the general location of [major] proposed types of
land use [types], the [land use quantities proposed] number of residential
units and square footage of non-residential space, the staging or sequence of
development, and such other features as enumerated in section 59-C-10.3.12.
A project plan, as [provided] required in division 59-D-2, must be submitted
for each stage of development according to the sequence established in the
concept plan. Such project plans must be [in accordance] consistent with the
concept plan approved by the Planning Board unless [it is] accompanied by
a requested amendment to the concept plan. If a concept plan is not
submitted, a project plan must be submitted for the entire site in addition to
the individual phases.

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**59-C-10.13. Special regulations for development using transferable
development rights zone.**

59-C-10.131. Applicability. The following procedures and
regulations apply to the transfer of development rights to land
classified in the RMX-2C/TDR zone. The Planning Board may
approve subdivision of such land at densities not to exceed the
maximum density permitted in these zones and conforming to the
guidelines contained in the applicable master or sector plan. Any
residential density or units above the standard method density must be
increased by the use of TDRs. Residential units must be based on a
ratio of one single-family dwelling unit for each TDR, and two multi-
family dwelling units for each TDR, except within a designated Metro
Station Policy Area, where a ratio of three multi-family dwelling units

1 for each TDR and two one-family detached units for each TDR
2 applies.

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4 **59-C-10.132. General provisions.**

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6 (a) A development right must be created, transferred and
7 extinguished only by means of documents in a recordable
8 form approved by the Planning Board, including an
9 easement and appropriate releases. The easement must
10 limit the future construction of one-family dwellings on a
11 property in the RDT zone to the total number of
12 development rights established by the zoning of the
13 property minus all development rights previously
14 transferred in accordance with this section, the number of
15 development rights to be transferred by the instant
16 transaction, and the number of existing one-family
17 detached dwellings on the property.

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19 (b) The transfer of development rights must be recorded
20 among the land records of Montgomery County,
21 Maryland.

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23 (c) A property developed under the RMX-2C/TDR zone
24 must conform to the requirements of Chapter 25A
25 requiring MPDU's.
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59-C-10.133. Development approval procedures under the optional method of development.

(a) A request to use transferred development rights under the optional method must be in the form of a preliminary subdivision plan in accordance Chapter 50.

(b) A site plan must be submitted and approved in accordance with the provisions of Division 59-D-3.

(c) The Planning Board must approve a request to use transferred development rights if the request:

(1) is in accordance with provisions of this chapter;

(2) is in accordance with Chapter 50, title "Subdivision of Land";

(3) is consistent with other recommendations of the applicable master or sector plan ; and

(4) achieves a desirable development compatible with both site conditions and surrounding existing and future development.

(d) Prior to Planning Board approval of a final record plat for a subdivision using transferred development rights, an easement

1 to the County in the form required by Section 59-C-10.132(a)
2 above limiting future construction of dwellings on a property in
3 the RDT zone by the number of development rights received
4 must be recorded among the land records of Montgomery
5 County, Maryland.

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7 (e) A final record plat for a subdivision using transferred
8 development rights must contain a statement setting forth the
9 development proposed, the zoning classification of the
10 property, the number of development rights used, and a notation
11 of the recordation of this conveyance required by Section 59-C-
12 10.132(b).

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14 **59-C-10.134. Development standards applicable to the optional**
15 **method of development.**

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17 (a) The final density achieved for any property located in a
18 TDR receiving area developed under the procedures herein
19 must be determined by the Planning Board and must conform to
20 the site plan provisions (Division 59-D-3) and subdivision
21 regulations (Chapter 50).

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23 (b) In making the determination as to the final density, the
24 Planning Board will consider the following factors:

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26 (1) provides housing types consistent with the approved
27 master or sector plan;

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- 2 (2) preserves environmentally sensitive and priority forest
3 areas, and mitigates unavoidable impacts on the natural
4 environment;
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- 6 (3) facilitates good transit serviceability and creates a
7 desirable and safe pedestrian environment;
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- 9 (4) achieves compatibility with surrounding land uses; and
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- 11 (5) conforms to the relevant master or sector plan approved
12 by the District Council
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15 **Sec. 2. Effective date.** This ordinance becomes effective 20 days after the
16 date of Council adoption.

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18 This is a correct copy of Council action.

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22 Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

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